



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 019**

*Series of 2020*

**"AN EXECUTIVE ORDER PLACING THE ENTIRE BUTUAN CITY  
UNDER A LOCALIZED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE  
EFFECTIVE MARCH 19, 2020 TO APRIL 18, 2020  
TO PREVENT AND/OR MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19"**

WHEREAS, under Section 15, Article II of the Philippine Constitution, it is the State's policy to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, under Section 453, Article I, Chapter III of the Local Government Code, the City Mayor, as chief executive of the city government, shall exercise powers and perform duties and functions to promote the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo R. Duterte, recognizing that the CoViD-19 public health event constitutes a threat to national security, and to prompt a whole-of-government approach in addressing the CoViD-19 outbreak, issued Proclamation No. 922 s. 2020 "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines";

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the President has made a pronouncement that the country's Code Alert System over the CoViD-19 threat has been raised to Code Red Sub-level Two (2);

WHEREAS, as of March 17, 2020, the President has issued Proclamation No. 929 declaring a State of Calamity for a period of six (6) months, unless earlier lifted or further extended as circumstances may warrant;

WHEREAS, as of March 17, 2020, the Philippines, through the Department of Health (DOH), has confirmed a total of 187 positive cases of COVID-19 in the country;

WHEREAS, as of March 17, 2020, the DOH Center for Health Development - Caraga has reported a total of 8 Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) and 1,459 Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) in Caraga region;

WHEREAS, while there are no confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Butuan City, the rapid increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases throughout the country presents a compelling need to impose additional disease control measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keep Butuan City free from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, in an emergency meeting with the Crisis Management Committee of Butuan City held on March 17, 2020, an agreement was reached that more stringent measures have to be implemented to restrict the movement of persons in Butuan City in



social distancing measures and wearing of face masks (or improvised face masks such as handkerchiefs).

#### **Section 7. Mass Public Transport**

Mass public transport facilities shall be regulated. The guidelines on the implementation of Community Quarantine issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT) shall be adopted, such as, but not limited to, stringent social distancing measures.

#### **Section 8. Entry Restrictions.**

Land, air, and sea travel shall be restricted. All persons are prohibited from entering the territorial jurisdiction of Butuan City, except the following:

- a) Persons whose residence, domicile, or place of employment is in Butuan City, provided that they shall be required to present documentary proof of residence or employment, such as, but not limited to, Voter's ID, Postal ID, National Commission on Indigenous People's (NCIP) ID, School ID, Company ID, Certificate of Employment, Barangay Certification, and other government-issued IDs at any of the following:
  - i. Airport, seaport, bus/jeepney/van terminals, and
  - ii. Checkpoints to be established at the borders of Butuan City.
- b) Persons with valid travel authority issued by the Department of Health (DOH), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) and any other National Government Agency required to enter Butuan City to fulfill their lawful obligation or address an urgent issue of national or local interest, or government workers involved in the monitoring or implementation of measures relative to CoViD-19, provided that a valid Travel Order and government-issued ID shall be presented at any of the following:
  - i. Airport, seaport, bus/jeepney/van terminals, and
  - ii. Checkpoints to be established at the borders of Butuan City.
- c) Healthcare personnel such as medical doctors, nurses, and other medical and non-medical health personnel whose entry to Butuan City is necessary to address issues and concerns relative to the prevention and/or mitigation of the spread of CoViD-19, provided that they are duly authorized by the undersigned upon the recommendation of the Butuan City NCOV Task Force;
- d) Persons who are considered emergency responders and/or rescuers whose entry to Butuan City is necessary to address issues and concerns relative to the prevention and/or mitigation of the spread of





CoViD-19, provided that they are duly authorized by the undersigned upon the recommendation of the Butuan City NCOV Task Force.

- c) Persons delivering prime goods and commodities such as, but not limited to, food, medicines, medical supplies, medical equipment, animal food, fuel, and such other basic necessities, provided that they shall be allowed to enter Butuan City but up to designated area/s only for the sole purpose of loading/unloading said goods or commodities.
- f) Traversing vehicles with ultimate destination outside Butuan City, provided that all cargoes and/or passengers of said vehicles shall not be allowed to leave the confines of their respective vehicles. Stop-overs, lay-overs, and change of destination are strictly prohibited.

#### **Section 9. Health Clearance.**

Drivers, passengers, and travelers entering Butuan City shall be required to present valid IDs, address, contact number, and travel history and shall be checked for signs and symptoms of CoViD-19 in accordance with the protocols and guidelines issued by DOH.

All persons with history of travel from areas with confirmed CoViD-19 cases within the last fourteen (14) days and/or persons showing any signs and symptoms of CoViD-19 shall not be allowed to enter Butuan City, except for Butuan City residents subject to quarantine procedures.

#### **Section 10. Transport of Goods.**

The movement of cargoes and goods to and from Butuan City shall remain unhampered, subject to proper screening of drivers and/or workers as stated above.

#### **Section 11. Temporary Visitors.**

All temporary visitors, whether foreign or local, in Butuan City are advised to leave immediately after the issuance of this Executive Order.

#### **Section 12. Entry of Sea Vessels.**

Foreign and domestic vessels are prohibited from entering the territorial waters of Butuan City during the effectivity of this Order, except those carrying cargoes of food, medicine, and prime commodities.

#### **Section 13. Additional Guidelines.**

In addition to the precautionary measures already being undertaken by the City Government of Butuan and those mentioned in this EO, additional guidelines may be released from time to time to help prevent and/or minimize the transmission of CoViD-19 in the city.





view of the increasing number of Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) in the city and Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) in Caraga region;

**NOW THEREFORE, I ENGR RONNIE VICENTE C. LAGNADA**, City Mayor of Butuan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order a Local Community Quarantine over the entire Butuan City effective March 19, 2020, until April 18, 2020, unless sooner lifted or further extended. The following guidelines shall be implemented during the effectivity of the Community Quarantine:

**Section 1. Suspension of Classes.**

Classes and all school activities in all levels shall continue to be suspended.

**Section 2. Prohibition of Public Mass Gatherings.**

*Mass gatherings*, whether public or private, such as, but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, entertainment activities, fiesta celebrations, Araw ng Barangay, community assemblies, and non-essential work-related gatherings, shall be prohibited.

Participants to government gatherings and meetings to address issues relevant to COVID-19 must exercise extreme precaution and ensure that all guidelines mandated by DOH are followed.

Priests, ministers, pastors, imams, and other religious leaders are enjoined to temporarily suspend regular church services, prayer meetings, and other mass gatherings during the effectivity of this Order. The use of alternative modes of communication such as live streaming is highly encouraged.

**Section 3. Home Quarantine.**

Home quarantine shall be observed in all households. Movement shall be limited to accessing basic necessities and traveling to and from place of work.

**Section 4. Mandatory Wearing of Masks.**

Everyone is mandated to wear face masks (or improvised face masks such as handkerchiefs) at all times whenever they leave their place of residence.

**Section 5. PUMs and PUIs.**

All Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) shall undergo strict home quarantine for not less than 14 days. All Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) shall be confined in accordance with quarantine procedures established by ICHL.

**Section 6. Regulation of Business Establishments.**

In business establishments, their respective managements shall ensure the adoption of strict skeletal workforce to support their operations as well as strict





**Section 14. Repealing Clause.**

All Executive Orders issued and/or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed, modified, and amended accordingly.

**Section 15. Separability Clause.**

Should any provision of this Order be subsequently declared unconstitutional or ultra vires, the rest of the provisions not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 16. Effectivity.**

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect unless sooner lifted or further extended.

SO ORDERED.

Done this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 in Butuan City, Agusan del Norte.

ENG. RONNIE VICENTE C. LAGNADA, CE  
City Mayor *RL*

I hereby CERTIFY that the Office of the President, His Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte was furnished of this Executive Order in accordance with Sec. 455 (b) (1) (xii) of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines.

REYNANTE IL DESIATA  
Acting City Administrator